

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
January 13, 2025
Minutes

President Barney called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, Barb Hillger, Linda Fahrenbach, Judy Johnson, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Linda moved to approve the agenda with a second by Barb. Vote 5-0

Barney moved to approve the December Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Barb seconded. Vote 5-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for December, 2024 were \$209,556.40. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$76,891.65. December's ending cash balance was \$1,198,099.58 with investments of \$277,248.67. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,475,398.25.

Barbara presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending December 31, 2024.

Barbara presented the 2025 Operating Fund transfer report. Barb moved to approve with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

Barb moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

PLAC – One PLAC card was sold fourth quarter 2024.

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – Holiday on Main went well. I will be looking for volunteers for the museum's summer season soon and have been working on programming for 2025.

Streamline – no update. Will follow-up and hopefully have a report in March.

New Business:

Salary Ordinance – The 2025 Salary Ordinance with updates was presented by Christine. Linda moved to approve with a second by Judy. Vote 5-0

The Resolution to Pay Bills with Prior Approval was presented and reviewed. Barb moved to approve the Resolution with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

Linda moved to adopt the Resolution to Transfer \$50,000 from the Operating Fund to the Rainy Day Fund for the purpose(s) of repairs and maintenance or any other lawful purpose. Barb seconded the motion. Vote 5-0

Director's Report

We have had several staff absences due to illness, loss, etc., but we're getting back to "normal".

The library received a generous donation of \$5,000 last month from the Weber family.

Winter, now that it's here, has been less than fun. We should have stayed open until 6:00 last Monday and closed early on Friday! We had to cancel Taste of Home and Bingo due to the weather. Snow removal has been a problem. Plowing is okay, but Phillip has had to do a lot of shoveling.

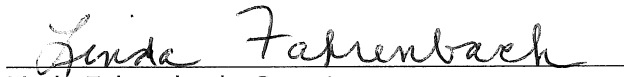
HVAC BAS training was completed Friday. Christine, Kathy, and Phillip have been trained.

The library will participate in BCSWMD shoe collection again this year, February 3-18. All shoes in all conditions (even singles) will be accepted!

Christine and Barb Darnell are working on 2024 annual reports.

The board heard updates on 2025 proposed legislation affecting libraries.

Chuck motioned to adjourn the January board meeting with a second by Barb at 7:01 p.m. Vote 5-0.


Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary